Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

WHEREAS, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty and concern for one's fellow man; and,

WHEREAS, Ervin Kunz was just beginning his college career when his roommate suggested he enlist in the South Dakota National Guard, but Ervin decided against it at that time and graduated from the University of South Dakota at Springfield with an electronics degree; and,

WHEREAS, Ervin and his brother started a radio and television business and at that time Ervin began his Guard career with the 137th Engineer Battalion out of Wagner 38 years ago; and,

WHEREAS, Ervin was sent overseas to Turkey, Panama and Germany and was on alert for service to Vietnam three times in 1965; and,

WHEREAS, Ervin and his wife, Carol, of Armour, South Dakota, look forward to possibly traveling and enjoying some quality time with their three children and families; and,

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Ervin Kunz retired from the South Dakota National Guard on January 5, 2003, after a long and distinguished career, and cannot remember a downside to his experience in the Guard, but is required to retire when he soon reaches the age of 60; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on this momentous occasion:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 1, 2003, as

Ervin Kunz Day

in South Dakota, and I urge our citizens to commend this observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State